

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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Speculation and

Scandal Follow

Every War

A handful of gambling-minded gentility can quickly jeopardize an entire government—as witness the case of the grain speculators when Harold E. Stassen has exposed in Washington.

When Stassen first made his charge it was discounted as the usual thunder of a presidential campaign. But when he said yesterday that it now looks like administration "insiders" made 4 million dollars gambling on commodity futures there have been just enough facts published to embarrass the Democratic party and shake confidence in the integrity of government.

Involved in the grain futures scandal are, among others, Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to Army Secretary Royal; Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to President Truman; and Ralph Davis, who served with the administration during the war.

None of the government leaders actually responsible to the people are involved in these scandals; and it would be a strain-laced person who attempted to blame Mr. Truman and his cabinet for the side-line speculations of all the thousands of camp-followers that go along with every political party in today's vastly-expanded government. Furthermore, Mr. Truman's administration in many ways is a coalition covering both Republicans and Democrats.

Nevertheless, the ancient rule that men in government service must so live that they are beyond even suspicion still holds—and particularly in the case of those who dabble in grain futures. For these are troubled times, with world-wide distress that makes grain short even for Americans; and it behoves anyone working for the people to be connected with speculation in scarce commodities.

Speculation and scandal follow every war. Whatever is said about a couple of fellows in Washington is virtually certain to be true of hundreds or thousands in New York and Chicago. But for the sake of confidence in our government the suspected ones on the federal payroll should be removed at once. We have enough public troubles without worrying about those who carry their private habits unwashed into public life.

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By JESSE CORE

3 Jailed, Two Sought in New Orleans Robbery

New Orleans Jan. 10.—(UP)—

Police today searched for the remaining two members of a five-man gang that snatched \$130,000 from a midtown bank here yesterday. The other three robbers were arrested with about half the loot in their possession seven hours after the theft.

Moving rapidly on a tip from an unidentified blonde police arrest John Hasselbach, 23, and Tommy Ricketts, 21, both of New Orleans, and the latter's uncle, George W. Ricketts, 23, listed from Chalmette, La.

Police said they recovered from the three men about \$84,000 of the cash stolen from the Hibernal National bank's midtown branch early yesterday.

Meanwhile, New Orleans authorities alerted police in the Pensacola, Fla., area to be on the lookout for two other men, believed to be members of the gang, and a woman traveling with them.

They were described as Henry Joseph Todd, 30 to 35 years old, six feet 5 inches to 9 inches tall, 175 pounds, dark complexion; his wife, Mrs. Doris Margaret Todd, 30, 110 pounds, medium build, black hair; and Joseph Carey middle-aged, six feet tall, 190 pounds, black hair.

The two missing men were believed to be "the brains of the gang," police said, and probably have the remaining half of the loot with them.

Police Sgt. Aldo Rasponi in Puebla said late last night that his men had met a bus on which the trio was reported to be traveling but no one answering the descriptions was on the bus.

He said police were checking hotels and meeting all buses from Monroe and New Orleans.

Officers said the tip that led to the arrest of the three men here came from a 35-year-old woman who told them she had tried unsuccessfully the night before to warn the planned holdup.

She said she had been drinking with the gunmen and had heard them plan the theft. But after failing to reach Police Capt. Harry Tregson by telephone to tip him off, she said she "forgot about it."

Detective Chief Joseph Scheuring said about \$20,000 of the bank's money was recovered from a cache under the floor of the house in which Hasselbach was arrested.

The robbers were arrested together in a rooming house where about \$44,000 was found in a suitcase.

No formal charges had been placed against the three men in custody, but police said they would probably be charged with armed robbery. That offense carries a possible death penalty in Louisiana.

The robbery was carried out with split-second timing yesterday as the bank opened at 7 a.m.

Four of the bandits, armed with pistols, squeezed through the door as it was opened by a porter, while the fifth waited outside in a getaway car. They slugged the porter, Joseph Thomas, unconscious. They stood calmly as tellers and bank officials arrived with keys to the vaults and emptied portable cash registers into huge cloth bags.

As employees came to work, the bandits herded the men into one closet and the women into another. They systematically stripped them of their wallets and added them to the loot in the big bag.

Two of the men covered the bank with pistols while the others carried the bag to the getaway car, a black dusty Ford sedan of about 1941 vintage with a Florida license plate.

The car was found on a suburban street several hours after the gang fled from the bank.

B.R. Hamm Returns From Dodge Truck Meeting at L. R.

B. R. Hamm of the B. R. Hamm Motor Co. has returned from a meeting in Little Rock where members of the Dodge field organization and the factory executive staff of Detroit outlined advertising, merchandising and other plans concerning the completely new line of trucks being introduced this month.

Dealers were told that the new line of Dodge "Job-Rated" trucks has been expanded to include 24 basic chassis models ranging from 15 to 23,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and up to 40,000 pounds gross train weight. It covers 95 per cent of all hauling and delivery requirements.

The continuing program of training dealers and salesmen to better qualify them to serve truck users in the selection of the right trucks and special equipment to meet specific hauling needs was outlined by the speakers.

The largest advertising release in Dodge truck history will be made to introduce the new trucks, the dealers were told. Media includes newspapers, magazines, vocational publications and poster boards.

The meeting was one of 60 being conducted this month throughout the nation by members of the Dodge field organization and the factory executive staff of Detroit.

These were frental times for our government, for we were unable to reveal our difficulties to the world's public opinion. Nothing must distress Stalin. Nothing.

Russia's formal acceptance of the principles laid down in the Atlantic Charter made comforting reading in the British Empire and in the U. S. But in London the Polish Government had had a taste of the insincerity of Russian statements, and that taste was bitter.

Ambassador Maisky signed Russia's intention of abiding by the new world bill of rights established by Roosevelt and Churchill in the Atlantic. He demanded a

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Hogs Eat Coal



It sounds corny but even the hogs are sharing their feed with Europe. On the Ross Banana farm, although coal will not fatten hogs, it's a good conditioner by keeping them free of worms. At \$6 per ton, coal is cheaper than corn at \$4.50 per 100 pounds, and since the hogs prefer coal, it requires less corn to keep them fed.

Tells How Stalin Refused to Discuss Fate of Poles; Flouted Atlantic Charter

By Stanislaw Mikolajczyk
(Former Prime Minister of Poland and President of the Polish Peasant Party.)
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"Beginning February 16, and for 22 weeks, individual courses, lasting one week, covering Universal Military Training will be given at Port Knox, Kentucky, for the purpose of training Reserve Officers of Field Grade in the work," Lt. Col. E. F. Sawallies, Unit Instructor of the Hot Springs area, Organized Reserve, said today. "The course is designed to train key Grade Officers in the various phases, so that an efficient, well-trained group may be assigned to Posts, Camps and Stations, in the event the program is passed by Congress," he said.

Each course will last two and one half days.

Reserve officers in the Hot Springs area which includes the counties of Garland, Hot Spring, Clark, Hempstead, Little River, Sevier, Howard and Pike counties may obtain further information at the Unit Instructors office, ORC, Eastman Annex, Army and Navy General Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

COST NINE BILLION

Canberra.—(AP)—World War II cost Australia a total of approximately \$8,190,000,000, Prime Minister and Treasurer Joseph B. Chifley reported to Parliament in his budget for 1947-48.

Among the costs were \$2,744,000,000 for pay to servicemen; \$2,030,000,000 for aircraft and warlike stores and equipment; and \$940,000,000 for reciprocal lend-lease to United States forces.

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Social and Personal

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Social Calendar

Monday, January 12 — Mrs. J. C. Waloch will be host to the Catholic Altar Society at the home of Mrs. E. S. Alexander, 504 South Hamilton street at two thirty Monday afternoon.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet at 7:30 Monday night at the home of Mrs. B. C. Hyatt, 404 South Harvey Street.

The Business Women's Circle of the First Baptist church will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the Educational building of the church. All members are urged to attend.

Monday, January 12 — The Circles of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will meet Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the following places:

Circle No. 1 with Mrs. C. W. Tarpyle chairman will meet at the home of Mrs. Carter Johnson. Circle No. 2 with Mrs. R. H. Barr chairman will meet at the home of Mrs. Thel Jeplin.

Circle No. 3 with Mrs. Leo Robins chairman will meet at the home of Mrs. J. W. Branch with Mrs. Elbert Wilkes as associate hostess.

Circle No. 4 with Mrs. John Hayley chairman will meet at the home of Mrs. C. C. McNeill.

The Executive Committee of the Cancer Society will meet Monday night at seven thirty at the Hope City Hall. All members are urged to be present.

The Hempstead County Practical Nurses will meet Monday night at seven thirty at the home of Mrs. C. C. McNeill.

states our intention to give material support to the fighting determination of the Polish people to establish once again the independence of which they were so inhumanely deprived."

On November 14, 1941, Ambassador Kot was able to gain an audience with Stalin at the Kremlin.

Molotov and Vishinsky were present. Kot immediately brought up the matter of missing officers.

Stalin looked surprised. "Are there still Poles who have not been liberated?" he asked.

"Many," Kot said. "We are particularly concerned with the case of about 11,000 officers who were detained in the Starobelsk, Kozielsk and Ostashkov camps."

They were transferred to an unknown destination in the Spring of 1940 and none have reported to Gen. Anders.

"Our amnesty knows no exceptions," Stalin said. He ground out his cigarette and picked up a phone. Then he made a personal inquiry of someone about the officers.

Kot reported to us that Stalin listened to a voice on the other end of the line for some time, without a change in expression, and then hung up and refused to speak about the officers through the rest of the meeting.

The terrible truth was beginning to dawn on us in London. We had received reports from families of the men. These reports jibed with an awful precision. Mail from the officers had ceased during April and May of 1940.

In the face of such difficulties, Gen. Anders nevertheless raised an army of 70,000 Poles in Russia, the equivalent of eight divisions. That Fall and Winter they trained—many of them barefooted—under appalling conditions. Russia provided supplies for only 40,000 of them. Some of them were forced to go without food for sometimes as long as a week.

As for our civilians in Russia, we were eventually able to place 7,000 Polish relief workers among these more than a million and a quarter Poles. These workers found our people reduced close to the animal stage from starvation, terror and work. The Russians had spared no one; had heaped on the more intelligent Poles the most menial work. They had turned mechanical engineers into ditch laborers. They had detained doctors, scientists and chemists to realize their goals with malice.

London and Washington were reticent to join in our own snuffed out protest. There was in such an atmosphere that Gen. Sikorski flew to Moscow on December 1, 1941, for a personal appeal to the man who must have been secretly amused by his trusting or overly timid Allies—Joseph Stalin.

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Land any attempts of aggressive powers to impose their will upon other peoples," in a historic mockery of a meeting at St. James Palace on September 24, 1941.

Maisky said that the foreign policy of the U.S.S.R. would henceforth be guided by "the principle of self-determination of nations."

"The Soviet Union," he said, "defends the right of every nation to the independence and territory integrity of its country, and its right to establish such a social order and choose such a form of government as it deems appropriate."

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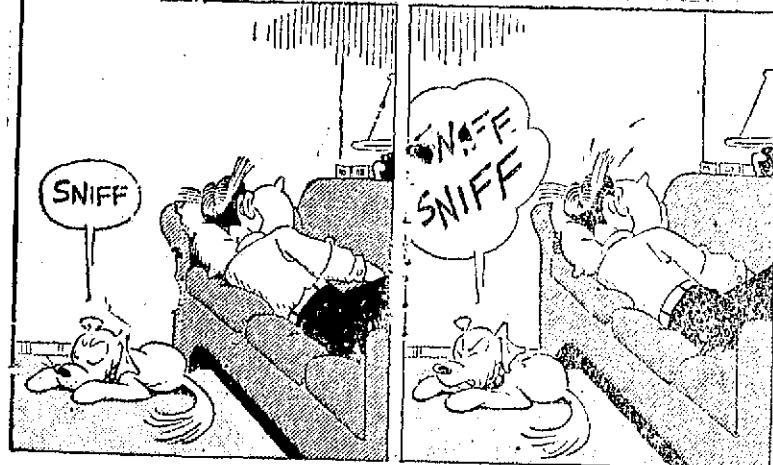
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Lwów (LVOOF) Wanda Wasilewska (VAHN-dah) Vah-shee-LEFF skah (KOR-nyah-chook)

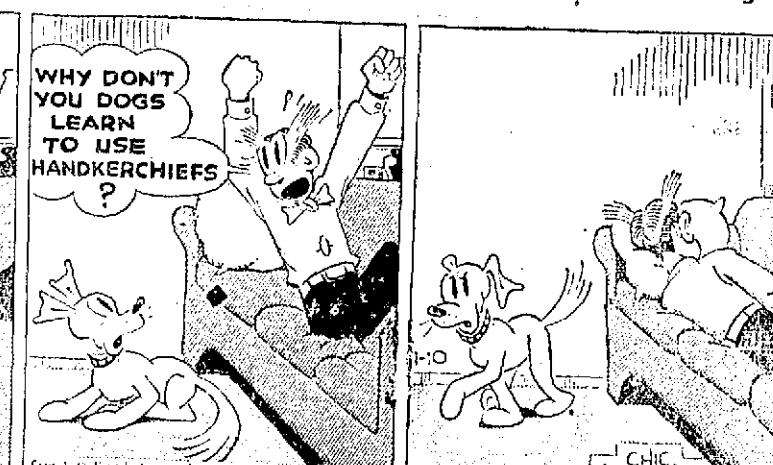
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"No letter from your boy again this week—it's sure nice to know that he's doing so well!"

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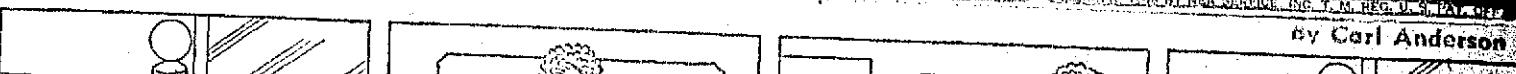
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"Coitainly dis is a file I'm usin! Any objection to a gentleman keepin' hisself well groomed?"

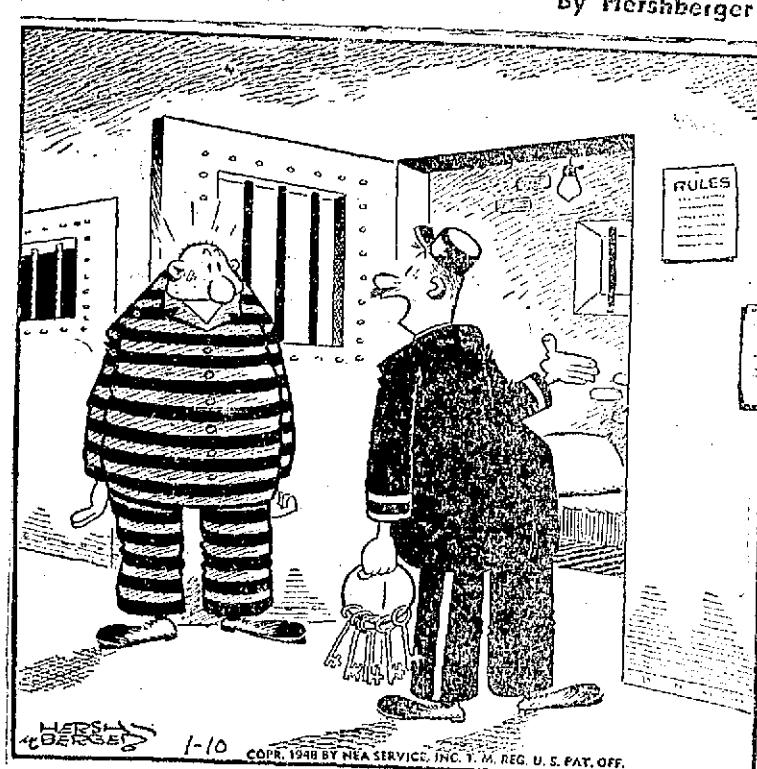
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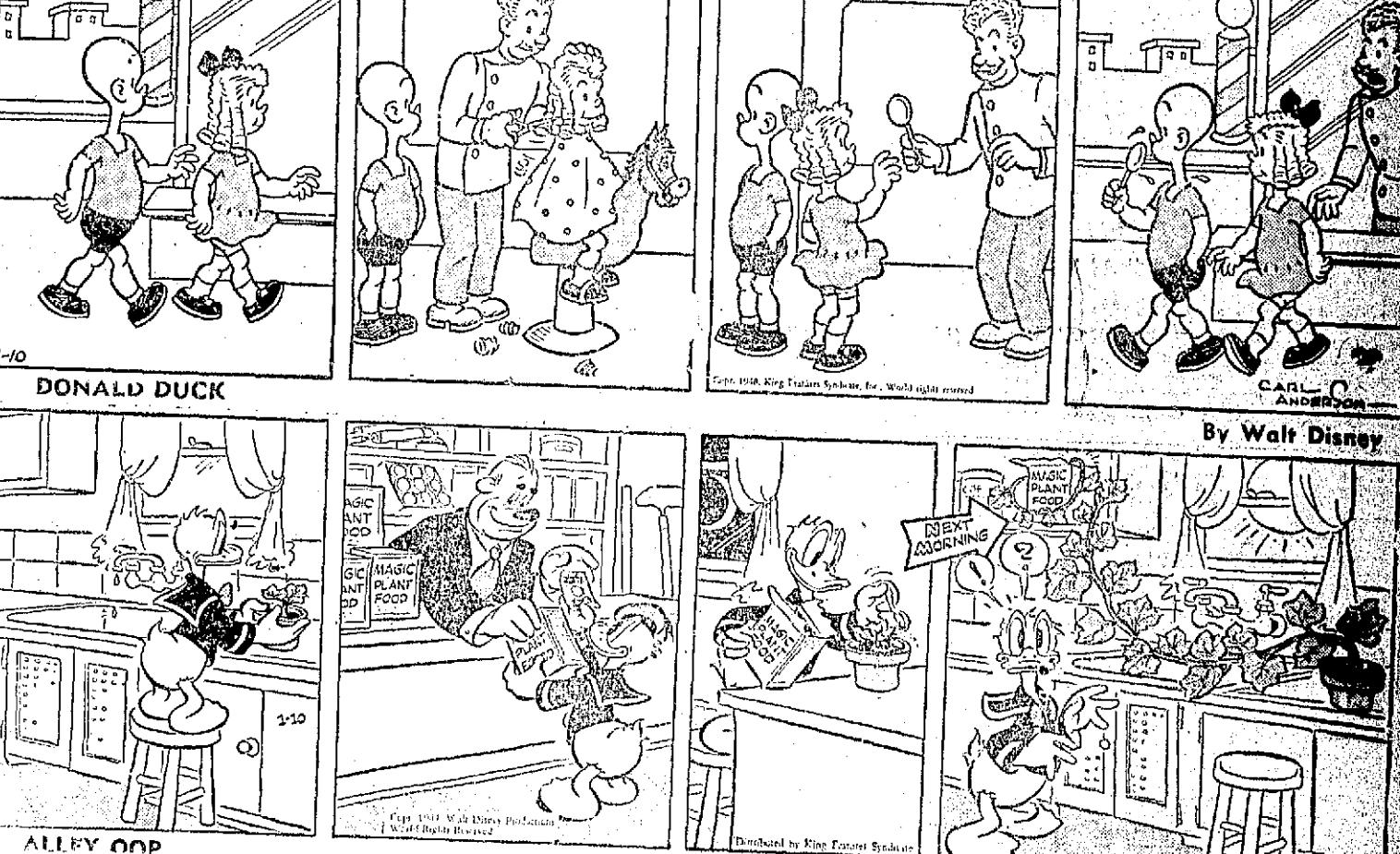


"You know the rules — no stealing, no shooting, no gambling—make yourself right at home!"

POPEYE

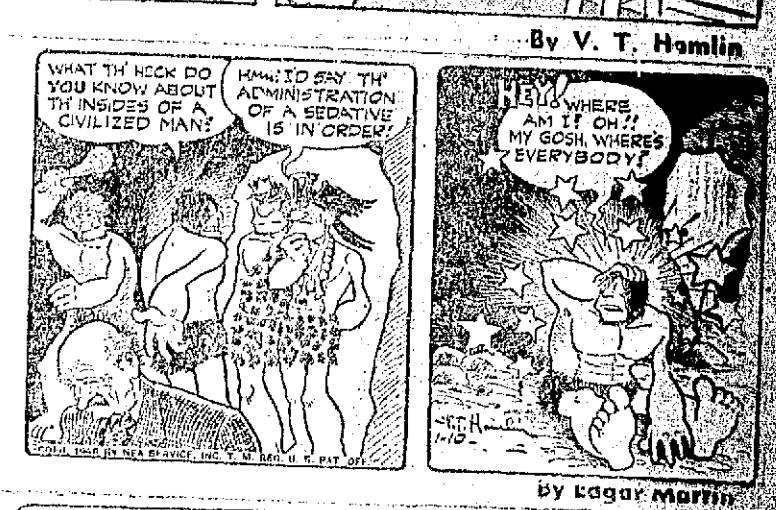


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PLAYOFF DECISION EXPECTED AT MEET TODAY

Little Rock, Jan. 10.—(P)—Representatives of 20 class AA schools met here today to consider revision of the Arkansas high school football playoff as it applies to the state's larger schools.

The session was called by the Arkansas High School (Big 16) conference, 16 of whose members are AA teams in the present playoff system.

And suggestions adopted will be submitted to the Arkansas Athletic Association, the state high school sports governing body, probably at a special spring meeting Big 16 officials said.

Fig. 16 Secretary Leroy Scott said he believed "all the larger schools are dissatisfied" with the present playoff system.

The following schools were to be represented at today's session: Pine Bluff, Hot Springs, El Dorado, Little Rock, North Little Rock, Fort Smith, Camden, Hope, Texarkana, Smackover, Fordyce, Russellville, Blytheville, Jonesboro, Fayetteville, Siloam, Rogers, Springdale, Harrison and Van Buren.

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Legionaires Edged Out by Ouachita

Ouachita Independents edged out the local Legion team 42 to 41 last night in one of the closest games of the season. The visitors had to overcome a 21 to 18 half-time deficit.

Church of Ouachita and Ross of Hope tied for high point honors with 14 each, followed by Reece of Hope with 11 points.

Monday night the local Legionnaires eagles will meet Henderson College Independents here at 8 o'clock in the high school gym.

OFFICE Nurse

By Adelaide Humphries

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Illustrated by Vic Donahue

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Miss Willows' prim, thin lips set in their thinnest line. "What ever gave you the idea that Miss Hilary might resign?"

"Why, I just thought—" Betty Jane could see from the other woman's expression that her idea had been absurd. "She might get married," Betty Jane tried again. She did not relish being made to feel so dumb. "Miss Hilary, I mean."

Miss Willows shook her head. A vigorous shake.

"I don't see why not!" Betty Jane defended her assumption. "She's young and awfully attractive and terribly nice."

Miss Willows compressed her lips more tightly. "Miss Hilary will never leave. Not unless something unforeseen occurs."

"I don't see how you can be so sure," Betty Jane declared.

"I am sure enough," Miss Willows stated decisively. Then she added in an odd tone, "It's a pity, a terrible pity."

Betty Jane decided it was no use. She couldn't get anything out of Miss Willows, either. At least nothing that made any sense.

Besides, the door to the front office opened now and Janice herself came out. She was smiling, but she looked tired.

"Haven't you two closed shop yet?" she asked, coming to join them. "It's way after time. My, that's a pretty hat!"

Betty Jane blushed with pleasure. "Thank you," she said with a smile.

"You ought to stop now," Janice said, not noticing that Miss Willows was still smiling. "It's been a long trying day for all of us."

"Nevertheless, there was an undercut of triumph, quiet assured triumph, in Miss Hilary's voice.

Betty Jane's ears caught it. It could only mean one thing. Miss Hilary—not Mrs. Stovall!—had won. Betty Jane's pretty, soft mouth dropped open in amazement and admiration. Her wide eyes saw looks exchanged between the other two. A look of triumph on Miss Hilary's side and a kind of grim congratulation on Miss Willows'.

So Betty Jane would not have to wait until Tuesday. The office had seen the last of Mrs. James Kidder Stovall's matronly person. Yet, somehow, Betty Jane was still left with a feeling of triumph. She felt subdued, even kind of low.

"It's a darn shame," she muttered to herself as she came out of the immense medical center. It was one of the tallest, most expensive, and most modern skyscrapers in Manhattan. Dr. Holbrook's offices were on the 21st floor. He had a magnificent view of Central Park's green lawns and trees, a view which, according to Janice, the doctor especially liked.

Janice ought to get married, Betty Jane decided, joining the throng of homeward-bound workers. There must be some man—more than one—who wanted to marry her. Not that Janice Hilary was a raving beauty, but she was decidedly the kind of girl men liked.

Besides that chestnut hair, she had gray eyes and the kind of skin the advertisements for soaps raved about. And along with that lovely, stylish figure, she had a quick warm sincerity that could make anyone feel good inside.

Which must have been why Betty Jane felt bad.

It was a shame. A darn shame. Even Miss Willows, in her own manner, had indicated that she agreed.

Passengers to Be Taken Off Russian Vessel

TOKYO, Jan. 9.—(P)—The heavily-laden Russian ship Dvina and its 750 passengers waited today for 500 waves to subside so they could come to anchor.

The 7,000-ton American-built ship had shifted about 30 miles from yesterday's position and was approximately 260 miles southeast of Hokkaido, the nearest great north land.

Moving swiftly at its first session, the five-nation partition commission decided to talk with representatives of the three vitally interested parties as the first step toward implementing the U. N. plan to cut up Palestine into Jewish and Arab states by next Oct. 1.

The commission, active as dispatches from Jerusalem reported, the first instance of infiltration of "volunteer" bands from Arab country territory adjoining the Holy Land. One report quoting Jewish sources said 300 such "volunteers" had entered Palestine from Syria and attacked a Jewish settlement.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie opened the meeting here by expressing confidence that the security council would exercise "every necessary power" to see that partitioning is carried out by next Oct. 1 without fail.

"Do you know?" began Miss Willows, glancing up her brown eyes with deep indentations indicating concentration; then, as with Mrs. McRae, she did not know. "Oh, that's what I said. She put her pen back in its stand. "Time will tell." This last was in her severe, uncompromising tone of voice.

Betty Jane knew she was supposed to feel rebuked. Yet she also knew that Miss Willows was never so cross as she sounded. So she tried anew. "We saw 50 or 60 passengers, all heavily clothed. None of them waved or gave any other sign of recognition as we circled over the ship."

Farmers own 20 per cent of all licensed automobiles in the United States.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Where Were They?

Denny Myers, Boston college coach, was getting a laugh from his colleagues at the touch of the year, during the other night, by telling how he had approached an outstanding high school tackle from New Kensington, Pa. The kid was rather interested in West Point, which, of course, was interested in him, but his mother didn't like the sound of "Army".

The mother protested: "If there's another emergency, my boy would find himself right in the middle of things". Said Denny: "I never went to West Point. I was just a civilian, but when the last emergency came along I found myself out there on a beach and I didn't even see anyone from the academy."

Shorts and Shells

The word now is that George Sauer, rather than Howie Odell, is the No. 1 man on the list of professional football coaches on the University of Washington, and the guy they're really trying to get.